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1. IN PREPARATION FOR THE WASHINGTON MEETING AND THE
MADRID SEMINAR, THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES GENERAL INFORMATION
ON NATO CONSULTATION AND DECISION-MAKING MACHINERY AND A
BRIEF PIECE ON THE NATO INFORMATION SERVICE AS REQUESTED
REFTEL. IT IS DRAWN IN LARGE MEASURE FROM MATERIAL PRE-
VIOUSLY PREPARED FOR OTHER PURPOSES. WE WILL BE READY TO
RE-SHAPE IT AS NECESSARY DURING THE MARCH 1-2 WASHINGTON
MEETING. AS A RESULT OF TRANSMISSION DIFFICULTIES, WE DID
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NOT RECEIVE USNATO ACTION REQUEST IN REFTEL UNTIL FEBRUARY
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2. INTRODUCTION ON CONSULTATIONS. PARTICIPATION IN NATO
CONSULTATIONS WILL BE AN IMPORTANT BENEFIT FOR SPAIN
FLOWING FROM MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE. AS A MEMBER,
SPAIN WOULD PARTICIPATE WITH OTHER ALLIES IN REGULAR

DISCUSSIONS OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND DEFENSE ISSUES AT NATO HEADQUARTERS (WHERE ALL NATIONAL DELEGATES ARE HOUSED), DURING MINISTERIALS AND SUMMITS AND AT THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDS. NATO PROVIDES THE PRINCIPAL FORUM FOR TRANS-ATLANTIC CONSULTATIONS ON EAST-WEST DEVELOPMENTS AND SECURITY ISSUES. AT NATO, ALL ALLIES HAVE IMMEDIATE ACCESS THROUGH THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO HIGH-LEVEL DECISION MAKERS IN ALLIED GOVERNMENTS. SMALLER ALLIED NATIONS FREQUENTLY DISCOVER THAT THEY CAN BUILD A CONSENSUS AT NATO HEADQUARTERS FOR THEIR OWN POLITICAL AND SECURITY VIEWS AND THEREBY FORCEFULLY CONVEY THEIR POINTS TO OTHER ALLIES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC.

3. MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE PROVIDES FREQUENT AND EASY OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN WESTERN NATIONS. DEFENSE MINISTERS AND FOREIGN MINISTERS ROUTINELY MEET IN MINISTERIAL SESSION IN THE SPRING AND FALL OF EACH YEAR. IN RECENT YEARS SOME OF THESE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD AT SUMMIT LEVEL. HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT MET IN LONDON IN JUNE 1977 AND WILL MEET AGAIN AT THE NATO SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON IN MAY 1978. THE SPRING NAC MINISTERIALS ROTATE AMONG NATO CAPITALS AND EVENTUALLY A NATO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN MADRID SHOULD SPAIN DECIDE TO BECOME A MEMBER.

4. AT NATO HEADQUARTERS ITSELF ALLIED CONSULTATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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THE PRINCIPAL DAILY ACTIVITY. WHILE CONSULTATIONS COVER A BROAD RANGE OF SUBJECT THROUGH A VARIETY OF COMMITTEES AND INFORMAL CHANNELS, THE PROCESS CAN BE DIVIDED FOR DESCRIPTIVE PURPOSES, INTO FOUR CATEGORIES: 1. INFORMATION EXCHANGE, 2. POLICY NOTIFICATION, 3. POLICY CONSULTATION, 4. POLICY CONSENSUS BUILDING.

- (A) INFORMATION EXCHANGE: A VAST QUANTITY AND QUALITY
- OF INTELLIGENCE AND POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND DEFENSE
- INFORMATION IS MADE AVAILABLE TO MEMBER NATIONS AT NATO
- HEADQUARTERS. NATO PROVIDES A FAST AND EFFECTIVE
- MECHANISM FOR CONVEYING SUCH INFORMATION, SOMETIMES ON
- FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES, SOMETIMES ON QUESTIONS OF PROCEDURE.
- NOT ALL ALLIES ENGAGE IN ALL EXCHANGES, BUT THEY FIND
- USEFUL INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE ON MANY SUBJECTS BY
- THE LARGER ALLIES. INFORMATION EXCHANGES ARE AFFECTED
- VIA EXCHANGES OF PAPERS AND ORAL REPORTS IN COMMITTEES
- AT ALL LEVELS AND DISSEMINATION OF INTELLIGENCE ON THE
- NATO-WIDE NETWORK. SUCH CONSULTATIONS INCLUDE EX-
- CHANGES ON:
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- WARSAW PACT MILITARY ACTIVITIES
- ANALYSIS OF TRENDS IN WORLD-WIDE GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS

--WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT, TESTING AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATION;

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- (B) POLICY NOTIFICATION: NATO MEMBERS USE NATO FORA TO
- INFORM OTHER ALLIES ABOUT POLICY INITIATIVES THAT ARE
- OF INTEREST TO THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE OR TO SEVERAL OF
- ITS MEMBERS. NOTIFICATION CAN COVER INITIATIVES REGARD-
- ING EAST-WEST QUESTIONS, MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
- IN OTHER AREAS, DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS, OR ANY OTHER
- ISSUE THAT ANY ALLY DEEMS OF INTEREST TO OTHER MEMBERS.
- NOTIFICATION TYPICALLY REFERS TO:

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--PLANS FOR HIGH-LEVEL VISITS TO WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES
--FORTHCOMING INITIATIVES IN BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH
- THE SOVIETS
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--INTERNAL DEFENSE REORGANIZATION PLANS;

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- (C) POLICY CONSULTATIONS: THROUGH NATO DISCUSSIONS,
- ALLIES FREQUENTLY SEEK THE VIEWS, ADVICE, AND COMMENTS
- OF OTHER ALLIES ON ISSUES WHERE THE INTERESTS OF THE
- ALLIANCE OR OTHER MEMBERS COULD BE AFFECTED BY A PAR-
- TICULAR COURSE OF ACTION AND WHERE THE POSITION OF
- OTHER ALLIES WILL BE A FACTOR IN DETERMINING HOW THE
- CONCERNED ALLY WILL RESOLVE THE ISSUE. SUCH CONSULTA-
- TIONS ALSO SEEK TO DEVELOP CONGRUENT OR COORDINATED
- ALLIED APPROACHES TO ISSUES WHICH ALL OR A MAJORITY
- WILL FACE COLLECTIVELY AS MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE OR AS
- INDIVIDUAL NATIONS. AMONG RECENT EXAMPLES ARE:

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- NUCLEAR PLANNING AND ANALYSIS
- ARMS CONTROL DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING SALT

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- ARMAMENTS, RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION
- SECURITY ASPECTS OF LAW OF THE SEA
- CSCE
- MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS;

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- (D) POLICY CONSENSUS BUILDING: THE OBJECTIVE OF SUCH
- CONSULTATIONS IS AN AGREED POLICY TO WHICH ALL CAN AND
- WILL SUBSCRIBE AS THEIR GUIDE TO ACTION. IN SUCH
- DISCUSSIONS THE ELEMENT OF NEGOTIATION AMONG ALLIES
- AS OPPOSED TO "CONSULTATION" ASSUMES FAR GREATER PROMI-
- NENCE. THE PROCESS IS USED EXTENSIVELY FOR INTERNAL
- DEFENSE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY.
- IT HAS IN RECENT YEARS ASSUMED INCREASED PROMINENCE
- IN DETERMINING THE WESTERN APPROACH TO MAJOR EAST-WEST
- POLITICAL-MILITARY ISSUES. THE APPLICABILITY OF SUCH
- CONSULTATIONS IS PERFORCE LIMITED TO THOSE SUBSTANTIVE
- AND OPERATIONAL FIELDS IN WHICH NATO HAS A DIRECT
- RESPONSIBILITY, AND FOR DEVELOPING JOINT POSITIONS ON
- ISSUES WHICH THE ALLIES HAVE ASSIGNED A PREDOMINANT
- ROLE TO NATO. EXAMPLES INCLUDE DEVELOPMENTS OF:

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- ALLIES POSITION IN MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

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- ALLIED POSITIONS ON CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES IN
- CSCE

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- AN ALLIED POSITION ON FORCE IMPROVEMENTS, EQUIPMENT
- STANDARDIZATION AND MODERNIZATION BOTH WITHIN AND OUT-
- SIDE THE CONTEXT OF THE LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM

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- COORDINATED ALLIED APPROACHES ON FORCE PLANNING AND THE
- ESTABLISHMENT OF NATO FORCE GOALS

--ALLIED PROGRAMS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRODUCTION AND
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- LOGISTICS SUPPORT FOR SELECTED WEAPONS AND SYSTEMS ON
- A LESS THAN TOTAL ALLIED PARTICIPATION BASIS, INCLUDING
- THE TRANS ATLANTIC DIALOGUE

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--ALLIED POSITIONS ON INFRASTRUCTURE ALLOCATIONS;

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--OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS ON:

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-- --CRISIS MANAGEMENT

-- --CIVIL PREPARADENESS

-- --COOPERATION IN LOGISTICS

-- --EXERCISES

-- --COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS

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5. CONSULTATIVE ACTIVITIES THAT MAY BE OF PARTICULAR
INTEREST TO THE SPANIARDS INCLUDE:

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--THE REGIONAL EXPERTS MEETINGS. EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS
MEET TWICE A YEAR TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS IN AFRICA, THE
MIDDLE EAST, LATIN AMERICA, EAST AND SOUTH ASIA, THE
SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE. THESE MEETINGS PROVIDE
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG NATIONAL
EXPERTS AND ASSIST ALL ALLIES IN GAINING INFORMATION AND
INSIGHTS ABOUT EVENTS OUTSIDE OF THE NATO TREATY AREA.

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--THE MEDITERRANEAN REPORT. EXPERTS GATHER TWICE A YEAR
TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION WITH
PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON SOVIET PENETRATION IN THE AREA.
ONCE AGAIN, THE DRAFTING OF THE REPORT AND THE SUBSEQUENT
REVIEW BY MINISTERS ALLOWS A POOLING OF INSIGHTS AND IN-
TELLIGENCE REPORTS REGARDING A CRUCIAL AREA CONTIGUOUS TO
ALLIANCE NATIONS.

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--CONSULTATIONS ON THE UNGA PRIOR TO EACH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL (NAC) AND DEFENSE PLANNING
COMMITTEE (DPC)

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THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IS THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY IN
NATO AND ACTS AS THE ALLIANCE'S "BOARD OF DIRECTORS".
THOUGH THE COUNCIL'S MANDATE INCLUDES IN PRINCIPAL THE
ENTIRE RANGE OF NATO ACTIVITIES, IT DOES NOT USUALLY DIS-
CUSS MOST PURELY MILITARY MATTERS, WHICH ARE DEALT WITH
BY THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE (DPC)--THE COUNCIL LESS
FRANCE AND GREECE.

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THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL MEETS AT THREE LEVELS:

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--ALMOST WEEKLY AT THE LEVEL OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES;

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--REGULARLY TWICE A YEAR AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL;

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--FROM TIME TO TIME AT SUMMIT LEVEL WITH MEMBER NATIONS REPRESENTED BY CHIEFS OF STATE/HEADS OF GOVERNMENT (E.G., JULY 1974, MAY 1975, AND JUNE 1977)

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THE MINISTERIAL MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL ARE NORMALLY HELD IN THE SECOND WEEK OF DECEMBER AT NATO HEADQUARTERS AND IN THE LATE SPRING IN ONE OF THE NATO CAPITALS. THE NEXT MINISTERIAL SESSION WILL BE THE WASHINGTON SUMMIT IN MAY.

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THE DPC MINISTERIAL LEVEL IS A MEETING OF THE ALLIED DEFENSE MINISTERS MINUS FRANCE AND GREECE. THE SPRING 1978 DPC MINISTERIAL IS SET FOR MAY 18-19 IN BRUSSELS.

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REPRESENTATIVES AT ALL MEETINGS MUST SPEAK IN ONE OF THE TWO OFFICIAL LANGUAGES, I.E., EITHER ENGLISH OR FRENCH. TRADITIONALLY, REPRESENTATIVES OF BELGIUM, FRANCE AND LUXEMBOURG SPEAK FRENCH IN FORMAL NATO MEETINGS, THOSE OF THE UK AND THE US USUALLY SPEAK ENGLISH, CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVES SPEAK IN THEIR MOTHER TONGUES, AND THOSE OF OTHER ALLIED NATIONS EITHER CHOOSE THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IN WHICH THEY ARE STRONGEST OR THEY ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE TWO.

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FORMAL NAC MEETINGS ALWAYS BEGIN WITH AN AGENDA ITEM CALLED "STATEMENTS ON POLITICAL SUBJECTS" DURING WHICH THE CHAIR OR ANY REPRESENTATIVE MAY RAISE ANY SUBSTANTIVE SUBJECT HE DEEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST. FORMAL NAC MEETINGS ALWAYS END WITH AN AGENDA ITEM CALLED "ANY OTHER BUSINESS" DURING WHICH THE CHAIR OR ANY REPRESENTATIVE MAY RAISE ANY CONFIDENTIAL

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PROCEDURAL SUBJECTS HE DEEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

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PERMREPS ALSO MEET EVERY TUESDAY AT LUNCH IN ORDER TO EXCHANGE VIEWS INFORMALLY. THESE SESSIONS ALLOW FOR THE MOST CANDID TYPE OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ALLIANCE COLLEAGUES AT THE POLICY LEVEL.

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THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE

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THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE (POLADS) AND THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC) ARE THE PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE COUNCIL FOR POLITICAL QUESTIONS. THESE COMMITTEES:

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--KEEP ABREAST OF POLITICAL TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS OF INTEREST TO NATO

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--PREPARE REPORTS AND DEVELOP OPTIONS ON POLITICAL PROBLEMS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE COUNCIL; AND

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--HELP IMPLEMENT COUNCIL DECISIONS.

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THESE TWO COMMITTEES DIFFER PRINCIPALLY IN THE RANGE OF
SUBJECTS THEY CONSIDER.

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--THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED TO DEAL
WITH SPECIAL TASKS AND MAJOR ISSUES OF CURRENT INTEREST
TO THE NAC. IN PRACTICE, IT CONCENTRATES PRIMARILY ON
MBFR, AND ALSO DRAFTS ALLIANCE DECLARATIONS/COMMUNIQUEES.
IT IS DRAFTING THE EAST-WEST STUDY.

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--POLADS, ON THE OTHER HAND, PROVIDES A CHANNEL FOR THE
CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON A WIDE RANGE OF THE
MORE ROUTINE SUBJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST TO THE ALLIES.
DEVELOPMENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE RECEIVE A LARGE SHARE OF
THE POLADS ATTENTION; THE BODY IS ALSO THE FORUM WHERE
VIEWS ARE EXCHANGED AND ALLIANCE POSITIONS ARE WORKED OUT
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ON PROBLEMS SUCH AS CSCE IMPLEMENTATION AND UN DEVELOPMENTS.

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POLADS REGULARLY MEETS ONCE A WEEK, AND THE SPC MEETS AS REQUIRED.

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UNDER THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE'S AEGIS ARE THE NATO REGIONAL EXPERTS FROM NATIONAL CAPITALS.

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THE EXPERTS WHO COME FROM CAPITALS TO CONSULT ON "FUNCTIONAL" TOPICS SUCH AS DISARMAMENT, UN AFFAIRS, LAW OF THE SEA, ARE ALSO UNDER POLADS AEGIS.

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NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP

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THE NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP (NPG) WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1966 AS A MEANS OF INCREASING ALLIED PARTICIPATION IN NUCLEAR CONFIDENTIAL

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AFFAIRS. IT PROVIDES AN INTIMATE AND CANDID FORUM FOR DISCUSSIONS OF NUCLEAR POLICY ISSUES BY DEFENSE MINISTERS, GIVES NON-NUCLEAR NATIONS A VOICE IN NATO NUCLEAR POLICY, AND CONTINUOUSLY EDUCATES ALLIES ON THE COMPLEXITIES AND IMPONDERABLES OF NUCLEAR PLANNING AND POLICY.

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NPG MEMBERSHIP AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL IS SMALL IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE FRANK AND SUBSTANTIVE NUCLEAR POLICY DISCUSSIONS. THERE ARE FOUR PERMANENT MEMBERS (US, UK, FRG AND ITALY) AND SEVEN ROTATING MEMBERS (CURRENTLY CANADA, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY AND TURKEY, WHICH ROTATE AT 18-MONTH INTERVALS WITH BELGIUM, DENMARK AND GREECE). THE NPG MINISTERS MEET TWICE A YEAR, IN DIFFERENT NPG COUNTRIES AROUND THE TIME OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL DPC MEETINGS.

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AT THE PERMREP LEVEL, ALL NPG MEMBERS MEET AS REQUIRED TO PREPARE FOR MINISTERIAL MEETINGS AND TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO THE NPG. THEY APPROVE SOME REPORTS AND STUDIES, FORWARD OTHERS TO MINISTERS, AND APPROVE THE AGENDA AND VENUE FOR NPG MINISTERIAL MEETINGS.

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THE NPG IS CURRENTLY EXAMINING THE MODERNIZATION OF THEATRE NUCLEAR FORCES, INCLUDING SHORT TERM IMPROVEMENTS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LONG TERM MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. THE NPG IS ALSO DEVELOPING COMPREHENSIVE POLITICAL GUIDELINES FOR NATO'S POSSIBLE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, DRAWING ON A LARGE AMOUNT OF WORK CONDUCTED OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

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MILITARY COMMITTEE

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THE NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE IS THE HIGHEST MILITARY
AUTHORITY IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION AND
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PROVIDES MILITARY ADVICE TO THE COUNCIL AND DEFENSE PLAN-
NING COMMITTEE (DPC). ICELAND, HAVING NO MILITARY FORCES,
MAY BE REPRESENTED BY A CIVILIAN BUT IN PRACTICE THEY HAVE
NO REPRESENTATIVE AT PRESENT. GREECE IS STILL PARTICIPA-
TING FULLY IN THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ALTHOUGH NATO HAS
NOT YET MADE A FINAL DETERMINATION ON GREECE'S STATUS.

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EXCEPT FOR TWICE A YEAR WHEN THE CHIEFS OF STAFF MEET, THE
MILITARY COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF PERMANENT MILITARY REPRE-
SENTATIVES FROM EACH NATO COUNTRY. BESIDES PROVIDING
ADVICE AND COUNSEL TO THE COUNCIL AND DPC, THE MILITARY
COMMITTEE COORDINATES THE REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS AND DIRECTS THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF NATO MILITARY POLICY AND PLANS. MILITARY COMMITTEE
DELIBERATIONS USUALLY RESULT IN A DOCUMENT FORWARDED TO
THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR USE DURING COUNCIL OR DPC
SESSIONS, WHERE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS ARE
DISCUSSED IN ADDITION TO THE MILITARY VIEW.

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SEVERAL NATO MILITARY AGENCIES OPERATE UNDER THE AUTHORITY
OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE. AMONG THESE ARE THE MILITARY
AGENCY FOR STANDARDIZATION IN BRUSSELS; THE ADVISORY GROUP
FOR AEROSPACE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN PARIS; AND THE
NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE IN ROME.

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DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE

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THE DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) IS A PRINCIPAL SUBOR-
DINATE BODY OF THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE (DPC).
ESTABLISHED IN 1963, THE DRC REGULARLY REVIEWS STRATEGY,
FORCE REQUIREMENTS, AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES, AND SERVES
AS A FACT-FINDING BODY ON ITEMS THAT NEED FURTHER INFORMA-
TION BEFORE FINAL DPC DECISION. IT REPORTS DIRECTLY TO
THE DPC, AND SCREENS MILITARY QUESTIONS FROM A POLITICAL
ANGLE.

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THE DRC IS CONCERNED WITH A WIDE RANGE OF POLITICAL-MILI-

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TARY SUBJECTS, INCLUDING: COUNTRY FORCE PLANS; MINISTERIAL
GUIDANCE; FORCE PROPOSALS AND FORCE GOALS; STANDARDS FOR
NATO UNITS; REINFORCEMENT OF THE FLANKS; MILITARY ASSIS-
TANCE (PORTUGAL, TURKEY); MOBILIZATION AND FORCE EXPANSION
PLANS; DEFENSE REVIEW PROCEDURES, ETC.

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THE DRC IS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF THE
NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES, EXCEPT FRANCE AND GREECE. THE
COMMITTEE MEETS FREQUENTLY AT NATO HEADQUARTERS ON AN
"AS REQUIRED" BASIS.

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THE COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE

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THE COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE (COEC) REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THE COUNCIL/DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE ON ACTIVITIES RELATED TO OPERATIONS OF THESE BODIES AS DECISION-MAKING INSTRUMENTS. THE COEC IS TASKED WITH:

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1) DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF PROCEDURES, ORGANIZATION AND FACILITIES REQUIRED BY THE COUNCIL/DPC IN CRISIS MANAGEMENT SITUATIONS;

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2) FORMULATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR COUNCIL/DPC PARTICIPATION IN NATO-WIDE EXERCISES; AND

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3) COORDINATION AND REVIEW OF OPERATIONS, TECHNIQUES AND FACILITIES OF THE NATO SITUATION CENTER TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF THE COUNCIL/DPC IN CRISIS MANAGEMENT SITUATIONS.

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IN 1968, PRIMARILY AS A RESULT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN CRISIS, COEC WAS ORDERED TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR EXCHANGE OF POLITICO-MILITARY INFORMATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. THE 1973 MIDDLE EAST WAR FURTHER EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF TIMELY CONSULTATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AMONG THE NATO ALLIES. THE COEC HAS FORMED A MONITORING GROUP, SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING NEW PROCEDURES FOR THE EXCHANGE, COLLATION AND DISSEMINATION OF INTELLIGENCE AND OTHER INFORMATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.

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THE COEC IS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF THE NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES EXCEPT ICELAND AND LUXEMBOURG. GREECE CONTINUES TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL COEC DISCUSSIONS. FRANCE DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO NATO EXERCISES. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY CONFIDENTIAL

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STAFF AND MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS ARE INVITED TO AND USUALLY ATTEND COEC MEETINGS TO PROVIDE MILITARY ADVICE TO THE COMMITTEE.

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THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

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THE NATO ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (ECONADS) PROVIDES THE PRINCIPAL NATO FORUM IN WHICH MEMBER COUNTRIES EXCHANGE VIEWS ON CURRENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE. IT MEETS ONCE A WEEK AND REPORTS TO THE NAC.

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THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE HAS FOCUSED ITS ATTENTION ON TWO MAJOR SUBJECT AREAS: 1) ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE AND WITH OTHER NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES; AND 2)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND THEIR IMPACT ON NATO SECURITY CONCERNS AND EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

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THE LATTER AREA HAS RECEIVED THE BULK OF THE COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION. IN RECENT YEARS, THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE HAS STUDIED VIRTUALLY EVERY FACET OF SOVIET, EAST EUROPEAN, AND PRC ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

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WORKING IN PARALLEL WITH THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ALSO PROVIDED A LOCUS FOR COORDINATION OF ALLIED NEGOTIATING POSITIONS ON CSCE BASKET II PRIOR TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. SINCE THEN IT HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN THE MONITORING OF EASTERN IMPLEMENTATION IN THE TRADE, ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS AND IN COORDINATING ALLIED POSITION IN PREPARATION FOR AND DURING THE BELGRADE CSCE MEETING.

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THE ECONADS HELP TO PROVIDE THE ALLIANCE WITH A COMMON DATA BASE AND A COMMON INTERPRETATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EAST AS THEY AFFECT WESTERN SECURITY CONCERNS. ITS CONFIDENTIAL

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REPORTS OFTEN REPRESENT A MAJOR SHARE OF THE INFORMATION ON WARSAW PACT ECONOMIES IN ALLIED GOVERNMENTS--PARTICULARLY THOSE WITHOUT MAJOR COLLECTION ANALYTICAL RESOURCES OF

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THEIR OWN. BECAUSE THE US MAKES SUCH A LARGE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE, THE COMMITTEE'S REPORTS TEND TO REFLECT US JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES AND MAY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON POLICY FORMULATION IN ALLIED CAPITALS.

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WHILE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS ARE HESITANT TO ACCORD THE ECONADS COORDINATING OR NEGOTIATING RESPONSIBILITIES ON INTRA-ALLIED ECONOMIC, TRADE, OR MONETARY ISSUES WHERE OTHER FORA ARE MORE APPROPRIATE, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE EXCHANGE ON THOSE ISSUES WITH DIRECT DEFENSE AND SECURITY IMPLICATIONS. THERE WAS CLOSE CONSULTATION AT THE TIME OF THE ARAB OIL EMBARGO, FOR EXAMPLE, AND THE COMMITTEE IS ENGAGED IN A STUDY ON THE EFFECT OF INFLATION ON ALLIED DEFENSE EXPENDITURES.
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SCIENCE COMMITTEE
THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE WAS FOUNDED IN 1958 IN THE WAKE OF SPUTNIK TO STRENGTHEN BASIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND PROMOTE INTERCHANGE AMONG ALLIED SCIENTISTS. COMPOSED OF DISTINGUISHED SCIENTISTS AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATORS, THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETS THREE TIMES A YEAR (TWICE IN BRUSSELS AND ONCE IN ONE OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES). ITS SUBGROUPS AND PANELS MEET FROM TIME TO TIME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, USUALLY AT NATO HEADQUARTERS. THE NATO SECRETARIAT'S SCIENCE DIVISION BACKSTOPS THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE AND ITS SUBGROUPS. ALTHOUGH NATO'S ACTIVITIES IN SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS ARE NOT WIDELY KNOWN BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THEY ENJOY HIGH PRESTIGE AMONG SCIENTISTS AND HAVE HAD CONSIDERABLE IMPACT IN SCIENTIFIC FIELDS. THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE'S PROGRAM OF RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS, FOR EXAMPLE, IS ONE OF THE LARGEST SUCH PROGRAMS IN THE WORLD, WITH ABOUT 750 POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED ANNUALLY. THE OVERALL NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM IS CARRIED OUT PRIMARILY BY MEANS OF SCIENCE FELLOWSHIPS, RESEARCH GRANTS, SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES, AND ADVANCED STUDY INSTITUTES. RECENTLY THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE HAS GIVEN PARTICULAR EM-

PHASIS TO SUPPORTING WORK IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY SCIENTIFIC AREAS:

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- ECO-SCIENCES
- SYSTEMS SCIENCES
- HUMAN FACTORS
- MARINE SCIENCES
- AIR-SEA INTERACTION
- MATERIALS SCIENCES
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WITH SPECIAL PROGRAM PANELS ESTABLISHED IN EACH OF THESE FIELDS.

NATO CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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- THE SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (SENIOR COMMITTEE OR SCEPC) DIRECTS THE POLICY AND GENERAL COORDINATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING IN NATO ON BEHALF OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL. THE SENIOR COMMITTEE DIRECTS AND SUPERVISES THE ACTIVITIES OF EIGHT PLANNING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES EACH OF WHICH COVERS A SPECIFIC FIELD IN CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING: CIVIL COMMUNICATIONS, OCEAN SHIPPING, INLAND SURFACE TRANSPORTATION, CIVIL AVIATION, PETROLEUM, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, AND CIVIL DEFENSE.

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- COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY (CCMS)

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- NATO ESTABLISHED THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY (CCMS) IN 1969 TO ENCOURAGE ACTION BY NATO COUNTRIES ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND RELATED PROBLEMS. THE COMMITTEE RESTS ON TWIN BELIEFS: 1) THAT ENVIRONMENTAL AND RELATED PROBLEMS REQUIRE URGENT ATTENTION; AND 2) THAT NATO, AS AN ALLIANCE OF MANY OF THE WORLD'S INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS, CAN PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN FINDING SOLUTIONS.

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- TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES, CCMS DEVISED THE "PILOT STUDY" TECHNIQUE WHEREBY AN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY, OR GROUP OF COUNTRIES, UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE COMMITTEE, AGREES TO PILOT ACTIVITY IN A GIVEN PROBLEM AREA. THE PILOT STUDY APPROACH HAS PROVED TO BE AN EFFICIENT METHOD FOR TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGE AND HAS ATTRACTED GROWING SUPPORT AND INTEREST WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.

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- THE CCMS MEETS TWICE A YEAR IN PLENARY SESSION TO REVIEW REPORTS FROM PILOT COUNTRIES, TO CONSIDER NEW PILOT STUDY PROPOSALS, AND TO FORWARD RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

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IN ADDITION TO THE PLENARY SESSIONS, THERE ARE INDIVIDUAL

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PILOT STUDY MEETINGS OF EXPERTS HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES
OF THE PILOT COUNTRIES AND INFORMAL CCMS MEETINGS AT
DELEGATION LEVEL AS REQUIRED.

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RECOMMENDATIONS ON DISASTER ASSISTANCE, AIR POLLUTION, IN-
LAND WATER POLLUTION, ROAD SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT AND REGIONAL
PLANNING, COASTAL WATER POLLUTION, URBAN TRANSPORTATION,
AND ADVANCED HEALTH CARE HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY CCMS AND THE
COUNCIL AND ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED BY NATO COUNTRIES.

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CURRENT CCMS PILOT STUDIES INCLUDE:

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--AIR POLLUTION ASSESSMENT AND MODELING

--AUTOMOTIVE PROPULSION/LOW POLLUTION POWER SYSTEMS DEVEL-

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OPMENT (FUEL ECONOMY AND CLEAN ENGINE)

--DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

--ADVANCED WASTE WATER TREATMENT

--SOLAR ENERGY

--GEOTHERMAL ENERGY

--RATIONAL USE OF ENERGY (ENERGY CONSERVATION)

--NUTRITION AND HEALTH

--REMOTE SENSING FOR THE CONTROL OF MARINE POLLUTION

--FLUE GAS DESULFURIZATION

--DRINKING WATER

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THE COMMITTEE SPONSORS A MODEST FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM WHICH EACH YEAR AWARDS GRANTS OF BETWEEN US \$5,000-6,000 TO ABOUT TEN STUDENTS INTERESTED IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. THE AIM OF THE PROGRAM IS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THIS FIELD AND TO HELP IMPROVE THEIR TRAINING FOR FUTURE POLICY-ORIENTED WORK.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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THE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE ADVISES THE NAC/DPC ON ALL ASPECTS OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN NATO COMMON-FUNDED INFRASTRUCTURE ACTIVITIES WHICH CONSTITUTE NATO'S MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM, PROVIDING NOT ONLY FIXED FACILITIES, BUT ALSO COMMUNICATIONS AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS. AS PART OF THIS FUNCTION, THE COMMITTEE NEGOTIATES LONG-TERM (NORMALLY COVERING FIVE YEARS) FUND CEILINGS AND COST-SHARING AGREEMENTS. WITHIN SUCH AGREEMENTS, THE COMMITTEE PROVIDES THE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL EVALUATIONS FOR THE APPROVAL OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS RECOMMENDED EACH YEAR BY THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

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IN RECENT YEARS, THE COMMITTEE HAS WORKED TO TIGHTEN THE CONTROLS ON FINANCING AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OF INFRA-
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STRUCTURE PROJECTS. THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO ESTABLISHED INCREASINGLY CLOSER COORDINATION BETWEEN NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND NATO FORCE PLANNING.

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THE COMPLETED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS--SUCH AS AIRFIELDS, NAVAL BASES, FUEL STORAGE AND PIPELINES, COMMUNICATIONS AND AIR DEFENSE WARNING FACILITIES, LAND AND MISSILE BASES, WARTIME HEADQUARTERS FACILITIES, ET AL--PROVIDE AN IMPRESSIVE EXAMPLE OF SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.

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CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS

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THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (CNAD) IS RESPONSIBLE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL FOR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT AND ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS. THE CNAD ENCOURAGES AND ASSISTS ALLIES TO JOIN TOGETHER IN EQUIPMENT AND RESEARCH PROJECTS, AND PROVIDES THE MEANS FOR EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AND OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS, NATIONAL EQUIPMENT PROGRAMS AND APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL AND LOGISTICAL MATTERS WHERE COOPERATION CAN BENEFIT NATO AND THE NATIONS. IT FURTHER ENCOURAGES DISCUSSIONS ON LONGER-TERM RESEARCH ACTIVITIES WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING GUIDANCE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF MEETING FUTURE MILITARY NEEDS THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY OR NEW SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES.

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AGENDA ITEM IV A: NATO INFORMATION SERVICE

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THE NATO INFORMATION SERVICE IS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE INFORMATION DIRECTORATE, WHICH HAS THE TASK OF INFORMING

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PUBLIC OPINION ABOUT THE AIMS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ALLIANCE. IT ASSISTS MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO WIDEN PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF NATO ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF PERIODICALS, FILMS, RADIO AND TV PROGRAMMES, PUBLICATIONS AND EXHIBITIONS. IT ALSO ARRANGES FOR GROUP VISITS TO NATO HEADQUARTERS FOR BRIEFINGS AND PARTICIPATES IN THE ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL COURSES AND SEMINARS ON NATO MATTERS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

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THE NATO INFORMATION SERVICE (NATIS) AND SPAIN

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SHOULD SPAIN BECOME A MEMBER OF THE ALLIANCE, THE NATO INFORMATION SERVICE WOULD BEGIN TO DEVEOTE TO SPAIN A PORTION OF ITS RESOURCES (A \$2 MILLION PER YEAR BUDGET).
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IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, UP TO A DOZEN SPANISH GROUPS EACH YEAR WOULD BE IN LINE FOR TRIPS TO NATO, FINANCED IN LARGE PART BY NATIS, TO MEET AND DISCUSS WITH NATO OFFICIALS QUESTIONS OF WESTERN SECURITY POLICY. THESE GROUPS NORMALLY INCLUDE MP'S, LEADING POLITICIANS, JOURNALISTS AND ACADEMICS. AS A LONG TERM PROGRAM, THE NATO VISITS OPERATION CAN CONTRIBUTE TO BUILDING A SOLID BASE OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE ALLIANCE.

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IN ADDITION, NATO PUBLICATIONS WOULD BE SENT TO SPANISH UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS. THESE INCLUDE THE NATO REVIEW AND SPECIALIZED PUBLICATIONS ON SCIENTIFIC, MILITARY AND POLITICAL SUBJECTS.

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THE NATIS BUDGET PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR CONFERENCE AND SEMINARS LED BY ACADEMICS AND POLITICAL LEADERS IN ALLIANCE COUNTRIES. THESE CONFERENCES HAVE OFTEN BEEN PRESTIGIOUS AFFAIRS REDOUNDING TO THE BENEFIT OF THE ORGANIZING INSTITUTION.

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LOCAL MEDIA OPERATIONS ARE ASSISTED BY NATIS INCLUDING PROVISION OF FOOTAGE AND CLIPS WHICH TV AND FILM HOUSES FIND PARTICULARLY USEFUL AND INEXPENSIVE (IN MOST INSTANCES THE SERVICE IS FREE.)

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NATIS IS ALSO PREPARED TO FUND VISITS BY HIGH RANKING NATO OFFICIALS TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS PUT TOGETHER BY LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE HOST COUNTRY.

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